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## PROPOSED SIG-I MEETING

**PURPOSE:** To outline reasons the DCI should call for a meeting of the Senior Interagency Group-Intelligence (SIG-I) and to suggest potential agenda issues.

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o The Congress continues its push to more precisely identify an authority "in charge" of counterintelligence (CI) and countermeasure/security (CM) policy.

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o Most recently, this "who's in charge" theme has taken the path of: what single Executive level authority knows about and makes national CI and CM policy and ensures required actions are taken/implemented?

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o Repeatedly, Intelligence Community responses to related Congressional questions have touted the SIG-I system (the SIG and its subordinate IG/CI and IG/CM) as the authoritatively established focus of coordination and control for CI and CM issues having national impact.

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- o The SIG-I system, in its earlier deliberations, has proved to be a viable medium for development of Intelligence Community-supported solutions to significant CI and CM problems, i.e., hostile presence options, NSDDs on security awareness, reporting hostile contacts, foreign overflight security, etc. [redacted] 25X1
- o Notwithstanding, the SIG-I system, in considering CI or CM issues, has lain relatively dormant for over 11 months. [redacted] 25X1
  - The last two IG/CI meetings were held on 31 October 1984 and 8 November 1985 (12 months apart). [redacted] 25X1
  - The last two IG/CM meetings were on 10 January 1985 and 21 August 1985 (7 months apart). [redacted] 25X1
  - The last two SIG-I meetings which addressed CI or CM issues were on 20 November 1984 and 16 January 1985 (11 months since last meeting). [redacted] 25X1
  - In part, the IG/CM was hindered by lack of a chairman upon the January 1985 departure of General Stilwell. IG/CI problems in generating a meeting agenda were exacerbated by the departure of [redacted] in July 1985. [redacted] 25X1 25X1
- o The expressed interest of the Congress, the confluence of recent CI and CM incidents, and the relative inertia of the IGs for CI and CM indicate a need to reassert the authority of the SIG-I as provided for in NSDD-2. [redacted] 25X1
  - Of importance is the fact that as Chairman of the SIG-I, the DCI has extended authority for and responsibilities to matters of technical and protective security. [redacted] 25X1
  - Since creation of the SIG-I system in 1982, several new national level CI and security entities have evolved which have a policymaking or recommending impact. The integration and overall relationship of these entities to each other and the SIG-I system make a timely centerpiece topic for a SIG-I meeting focused on ways to better energize the SIG-I system. [redacted] 25X1
- o Proposed agenda topics are attached. [redacted] 25X1

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PROPOSED SIG-I AGENDA TOPICS

- o Share opinions and obtain consensus reaffirmation not only on the importance of the SIG-I system to effective CI and CM performance but also the scope of SIG-I responsibilities as detailed in SIG-I Directive No. 1.
- o Identify methods to re-energize and improve the SIG-I system's contribution to coherent national policy and strategy.
- o Establish requirement for a plan or flow chart formally defining relationships between the SIG-I system and such entities as the Director, Intelligence and Counterintelligence Programs, NSC; NIO for Foreign Denial and Intelligence Activities; and national-level committees with CI or CM functions, e.g., NTISSC, OSG, SECOM, etc.
- o Determine the need for coordinating or referring, through the SIG-I system, all recommendations from studies/reports which impact on US CI or CM matters.
- o Develop and provide general guidance to the Community Counterintelligence Staff concerning the direction and emphasis for the 1986 net assessment of the hostile intelligence services threat and US countermeasures.
- o Determine a course of action for documentation of a national CI and CM strategy.
- o Establish a position on Congressional testimony in the capacities of Chairman, SIG-I; Chairman, IG/CI; and Chairman, IG/CM vice titles worn in other functions.
- o Identify subject areas appropriate for studies or reports commissioned by the SIG-I.

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